



Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention

Strategic Direction 2008-2009

Goal 1

Enhance the efforts of Arizona's programs and initiatives that aim to increase parental involvement and education about the risks and public health problems caused by substance abuse.

Goal 2

Increase public awareness through outreach and effective partnerships.

Goal 3

Allocate and oversee the implementation of programs funded by the Commission to ensure accountability of grantees and adequate results.

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Background and Authority

The Arizona Parents Commission on Drug Education and Prevention, also known as the Parents Commission, was created by voter initiative in 1996 and established by A.R.S. §41-1604.17. The Parents Commission receives funds from the Drug Treatment and Education Fund, established by A.R.S. §13-901.02, to fund programs that increase and enhance parental involvement, and increase education about the serious risks and public health problems caused by the abuse of alcohol and controlled substances.

The Parents Commission is comprised of nine members appointed to the Commission by the Governor to serve two-year terms. Membership consists of five parents of children currently enrolled in Arizona schools and one representative each from the education, county probation, prevention and treatment, and law enforcement professions.

Governor Brewer's Office for Children, Youth, and Families, Division for Substance Abuse Policy conducts the administrative and professional duties for the Parents Commission. In addition to administration of Parents Commission funded programs and initiatives, the Division assists the commission in developing parent involvement and substance use education strategies.

Parents Commission Grants

- Arizona Anti-Methamphetamine Initiative
- Arizona Youth Survey 2008, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission
- Healthy Families Arizona, Arizona Department of Economic Security
- Arizona Underage Drinking Prevention Initiative
- Justice Involved Youth with Children Initiative
- MethSMART®, Arizona Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- American Dream Academy, Arizona Quest for Kids
- Arizona Work-Scholarship Pilot Project, Arizona's Children Association
- Annual Statewide Substance Abuse Conference

Key Program Outputs & Outcomes

- Anti-methamphetamine community coalitions in all of Arizona's fifteen counties receive funds to implement environmental prevention strategies to reduce the impacts and consequences of methamphetamine use, production and distribution in local communities.
- The Arizona Youth Survey (AYS) provides data to increase the quality and targeting of substance use and delinquency prevention and intervention efforts. In addition to providing federally mandated data, the AYS assists Arizona in leveraging federal funds.
- The Parents Commission is one of the sources of funding for the Healthy Families Arizona (HFA) Program. HFA provided 5,869 families with in-home child abuse prevention services in SFY2007. Of these families, 99.7% had no substantiated reports of child abuse or neglect.
- In the 2007-2008 school year, 518 elementary students and 33 high school peer helpers in Arizona's tribal communities benefited from the PYPM alcohol-use prevention program. Participants demonstrated an increase in media literacy, vehicle safety, and perceived harm of underage drinking.
- Pinal County and Maricopa County have launched pilot programs to service the particular needs of teen mothers and fathers involved in the justice system. In 2008, more than 400 teens received programming addressing juvenile delinquency, teen parenting, and/or substance abuse.
- Seventeen Boys & Girls Clubs in Arizona's rural, urban, tribal, and military communities implement the MethSMART® curriculum providing approximately 4,000 youth with education about the dangers of methamphetamine and practical ways to avoid the drug.
- More than 900 parents will participate in the American Dream Academy. In addition to empowering parents to navigate the school system, graduation from the Academy guarantees admission to Arizona State University so long as their child meets minimum admission requirements.
- Launch of the Arizona Work-Scholarship Pilot Project, modeled after New York's program, which is validated as effective in boosting high school graduation rates, college enrollment, and post-secondary employment.